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Debate Champs come to PUC

BY DAVID FUNK
News Editor

PUC doesn't have a debate team. So, when arrangements were made for the British National Debate Team to come for a debate last Wednesday in Alumni Hall, two students had to volunteer.

Matthew Fledderjohann, a junior studying English literature and communication, and Danielle Royster, a junior majoring in communication, did just that and had the experience of a lifetime.

"I loved it," said Royster. "When I think about it, yes it was hard work, and yes it took a lot of my time. But how many people can say that the debated against the best debaters in the world?"

Not many. Now I can. I think that is amazing."

The 2005 British National Debate Team members are Siôn Owen and Kenneth Fleming.

Owen is from Carmarthenshire, Wales and studied law at Oxford while president of the Human Rights Law Society. Owen has debated around the world for the Oxford debate team.

Fleming is an alumnus of Glasgow University, where he was convenor of debates at the Glasgow University Union. Fleming's thick Scottish accent made him

difficult for some of the Regionites in the audience to understand, but others found it appealing.

"His accent was very strong but I understood it. He is very funny and outgoing," said Royster. "The girls seemed to like his accent."

Fleming and Owen are the winners of the British Mace, an award given each year to the best debaters in the English Speaking U n i o n .

The topic debated was: "This House: believes that the United States Federal Government should substantially increase diplomatic and economic pressure on the People's Republic of China in one or more of the following areas: trade, human rights, weapons non-proliferation, Taiwan."

Royster and Fledderjohann spent weeks in preparation with professors Corya Channing and Richard Rupp.

When asked whether or not all of the work in preparation for the debate was worth it, Royster answered with an emphatic, "Yes."

"Corya Channing and Professor Richard Rupp helped us so much. We had several run-throughs before the actual debate," said Royster.

The PUC students were each paired with a British debater, Fledderjohann with Fleming and Royster with Owen. Fledderjohann and Fleming were declared the winners after a British style of debate



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Siôn Owen, seen here debating at Irvine Valley College- a previous stop on the British National Debate Team's tour, came to PUC on Wednesday. He and teammate Kenneth Fleming are winners of the prestigious Mace Award.

that differs from American debate.

"I really had to get into the UK style of debate," said Royster. "They are a lot more funny and we are more structured in the US."

So, we had to find funny jokes to try and fit in."

The debate was cosponsored by the

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the Center for Student Achievement and the Department of Communication and Creative Arts.

Owen and Fleming are traveling the United States for the next eight weeks, seeing 25 college campuses across the country.

SJC/BSU hold equality discussion

BY ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
Chief Copy Editor



The discussion held on Thursday in Calumet Falls by the Social Justice Club and Black Student Union displayed an opinion not often seen in media about the war in Iraq as well as the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The goal of the discussion was to inform PUC of realities that have not been reported.

The Social Justice Club in conjunction with the Black Student Union sponsored "A People Forgotten," a discussion focusing on the realities of Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq, Thursday November 10 at Calumet Falls.

The goal of the discussion was to inform the PUC community of the similarities and realities of these two topics in today's society.

Topics discussed ranged from the government failing to act responsibly to the racism involved to poverty.

Moderated by both SJC President Huma Farook and Aqili Shakur, a graduate student and instructor, the discussion had many speakers present to discuss the many topics and details of the war in Iraq and Hurricane Katrina.

After seeing on TV that the survivors were in need of medical care, Cythy Almass, a registered nurse, decided to travel with a group of people to New Orleans to care for them. Almass discussed her experiences in New Orleans while aiding survivors.

"It was because of racism. The government had forgotten them. Poverty out there is ridiculous," said Almass during the discussion. "No one wanted to take charge and take responsibility."

Almass questioned the presence of the military and noted the absence of the military was due to being sent to the war in Iraq instead.

"We live in a country with lots of support and lot of means. Government has not stepped up to that position," said Almass.

According to Almass, one reason for many survivors still in the areas of New Orleans was due to fear of losing their property. Once leaving their property, the survivors' fear of losing their property, having it be sold again at higher prices and not being able to go back.

Another speaker present at the discussion was Kim Scipes, an associate professor of sociology at Purdue campus North central and former sergeant marine.

With Scipes stating poverty being racial and consisting of Latinos and African Americans, he also discussed one aspect of poverty left out of the discussion.

"What is left out of the discussion is that two out of three in the country are white," said Scipes during the discussion. "We have a tremendous struggle about white poverty as well."

Scipes added that poverty is concentrated around cities and white poverty is hard to see

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

How would you like your transcripts and diploma to say "Honors Program?"... ...That would probably impress a potential employer!

Next spring, the university will introduce an Honors Program for freshmen and sophomores to recognize their achievements and motivation, as well as enhance their career prospects by impressing employers.

"Our Honors Program will provide opportunities for an enriched collegiate experience, including one-on-one mentoring from a faculty member in the student's discipline of study," Honors Program Director and Professor of Mechanical Engineering Bipin Pai said.

He added, "Employers will be happy to see a student go through the Honors Program and be involved in community activities as well as coursework."

The application deadline is Friday, Nov. 25. Students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 to qualify for admission into the program and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 to remain in the curriculum. Incoming freshmen may apply, too.

Next spring, those admitted to the Honors Program will enroll in the three credit-hour course, "Freshman Honors Seminars" (HONR 100). The course will be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. A second section may be added.

Also, students must enroll in one Honors Program-designated course a semester, totaling at least 15 credit hours, including a senior year Honors Capstone course that will address what a student has learned overall. Other honors courses will generally be the required or elective courses in a student's discipline.

"Professors will challenge Honors Program students with different assignments outside of what they do in the classroom," Prof. Pai said.

Additionally, honors students can take advantage of advanced study opportunities including internships, cooperative learning and other forms of experiential learning; summer study abroad; academic merit scholarships; retreats and fields trips; undergraduate teaching and research assistantships; one-on-one honors advising by honors faculty; small class sizes, an honors wing at The University Village; and social and cultural activities. Program participants also agree to participate in 100 hours of community service.

Graduates from the Honors Program will have their diplomas and transcripts Honors Program-designated.

Interested students should contact Prof. Pai at 989-3264; or from a campus phone at x3264.

What's Goin' On?

A look around

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

On Thursday, November 17 at 8 p.m. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will be having a meeting to discuss the topic "Can I Believe Without Seeing?" in the cafeteria in the Student Union Library Building. There will be a time of worship before-hand.

For more information about InterVarsity, please email: ivcf@calumet.purdue.edu.

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Life & Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Thursday, January 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faculty member Lynn Zimmerman will facilitate a discussion on the book *Totto Chan: The Little Girl at the Window* by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi. Interested students may register at Student Life & Activities located in the Student Union Library room 324E or call 989-2369 for more information. Books are provided.

Student Life & Activities Announces Inspired Leaders Series Workshops

Regina Biddings, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor for Engagement, will speak on Leadership and Effective Communication on Thursday, November 17 11 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. in the Student Union Library Room with a View (located in cafeteria). Please register for workshop at <https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp>.

Student Executive Board Meeting

The next Student Organizations Executive Board meeting is on November 18 in the Student Union Library building room 321 at 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This meeting is posted on our website. Please register, if you are planning to attend. <https://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp>. Students interested in learning more about student organizations are welcome.

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For One Student, a College Career Becomes a Career

BY SAM DILLON
New York Times

Nearly every college has some screwball who never seems to graduate, lingering year after year as classmates move on. And then there is Johnny Lechner.

In his 12th year of college here, Mr. Lechner has parlayed life as perpetual student into a lucrative personal brand. His genius for self-promotion might have earned him Phi Beta Kappa - if only it had been applied to his studies.

He has appeared on "Late Show" with David Letterman, "Good Morning America" and other shows, describing a roisterous campus lifestyle of beer and merrymaking.

National Lampoon is promising to pay his tuition, and the makers of Monster Energy Drink deliver 30 cases a week, along with advertising posters and condoms, to the house where Mr. Lechner lives and parties, in exchange for his endorsement of Monster as "the official energy drink" of his 12th college year.

He has signed with the William Morris Agency, which is marketing a reality television series based on his life at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. And in recent days he has referred to interviews with The New York Times on his personal Web site, anticipating new publicity from this article.

The dizzying whirl of sudden celebrity has not been easy, Mr. Lechner said.

"I'm really stressed out," he said. "All the money, the book deals, the agents. It's just crazy."

The marketing hoopla whipping up around Mr. Lechner, 29, is making it difficult to separate fact from fable about his college career. He has compiled a 2.9 grade-point average and in one semester got straight A's.

But in the topsy-turvy logic of the entertainment world, a record of debauchery has become central to his success, and friends say he has taken to exaggerating his Animal House credentials.

Mr. Lechner is not entirely unique. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said recently that she had found a student who had been enrolled in college for 17 years. Still, in an era of national anxiety over global academic competition, some state officials are indignant that Mr. Lechner's record is attracting a spotlight.

"The guy's been a student for 12 years, and he's bragging about it?" said State Representative Robin G. Kreibich, chairman of the Assembly's Committee on Colleges and Universities. "I wonder how many kids can't get in because he's staying on so long."

University officials denied that Mr. Lechner's lengthy enrollment had prevented even one qualified student from gaining admission. But he was the beneficiary of a tuition subsidy given to all in-state students - until the last school year, when the Wisconsin Board of Regents imposed a surcharge virtually doubling tuition for students who exceed 165 credits. (Mr. Lechner has 242.) Wisconsinites call it the Johnny Lechner rule. This year his tuition is about \$9,800.

Martha Saunders, the Whitewater chancellor, said that some faculty considered Mr. Lechner a bit of an embarrassment, while others believed that "we're a community of scholars, and he just loves to learn."

But Richard Brooks, a silver-haired philosophy professor who is Mr. Lechner's most recent academic adviser, looked peeved when his student announced in a meeting between the two that he had made little recent progress toward completion of his senior thesis, in which he will reflect on his undergraduate years.

"The reader should come away convinced from this thesis that you actually did learn something," Dr. Brooks said. As a liberal studies major, Mr. Lechner must complete a thesis, which can be formal and footnoted or personal and reflective, his final requirement for graduation. Mr. Lechner said it was stressful to reconcile his identity as a laid-back student with the image that his marketers now expect of him.

"I'm not out getting hammered every night," he said. "People expect me to have crazy stories about being in threesomes, nights at the bar that end at sunup - but that's just people's imaginations running away with them." He paused.

"I don't know how much of a market there is for a guy who's merely a good student," he said. "But I want you to know me as I am, rather than as the animal they're making me out to be."

When Mr. Lechner enrolled in college in 1994, the Internet was practically a baby and his current girlfriend was starting fourth grade. He has since drifted through four majors - education, communications, theater, women's studies - and watched hundreds of friends graduate, get jobs and marry.

Mr. Lechner has stayed on, pursuing a coffeehouse career as a singer-songwriter and accumulating more than twice the 120 credits required for graduation. His parents are divorced; his father is an engineering executive, his mother a convenience store manager. During his first two years they helped pay his tuition, but since then he has paid his own way, working part time and taking out \$30,000 in student loans, he said.

Mr. Lechner said he hardly noticed the semesters flying by during his fifth, sixth and seventh college years because he had found a "comfort zone." During his eighth year, he said, "I realized it's a great story, and I started thinking about my book." He resolved to go for at least 10 years.

"There's a big difference between saying I went to school for nine years, and saying I went for a decade," he said. "It's more amazing."

A friend created a Web site, johnnylechner.com which is headlined: "There is a time and place for everything. It's called 'college.'" The site displays pictures of Mr. Lechner strolling across campus, drinking and hugging beautiful co-eds.

Last spring, he e-mailed Wisconsin newspapers. The Wisconsin State Journal published a profile of him that provoked frenzy in the entertainment industry.

CBS flew Mr. Lechner to New York to appear with Mr. Letterman, who asked what college was like.

"People expect me to be like, 'We're going to toga parties and doing keg stands,'" Mr. Lechner responded. "Don't get me wrong - these things are happening."

One person who watched the show was Orin Woinsky, a National Lampoon vice president based in Los Angeles, who saw similarities with the 2002 movie "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" about a fictional seventh-year college senior who refused to graduate.

"Johnny was the real-life Van Wilder," Mr. Woinsky said. He walked the news into the office of National Lampoon's chief executive,



photo by Erol Royal for The New York Times

Johnny Lechner has had four majors and accumulated 242 credits.

utive, Daniel S. Laikin, who responded, Mr. Woinsky said: "Get in touch with this guy!"

Mr. Woinsky sent an e-mail message to Mr. Lechner offering to pay his tuition, sponsor his graduation party and hold a job open for him at National Lampoon.

Talk radio hosts from around the country called Mr. Lechner.

"I heard him do his first phone interviews," said Megan Seeboth, a 21-year-old undergraduate who was dating Mr. Lechner at the time. "He said he spent all his time playing basketball, drinking all night and at parties, and that's the complete opposite of how he lives. He just thinks that's what will sell."

"He's going out once a week and he's going to class."

Ms. Seeboth, who broke up with Mr. Lechner in September, said that part of his reputation was deserved.

"It was very difficult being in a relationship with a guy who girls were throwing themselves at," she said.

Adam Steinman, a senior producer at Lion Television, a British company that had a camera crew follow Mr. Lechner in September, said: "People love him. He brings people together."

But some students find Mr. Lechner annoying, said Brian Wolfe, a political science major who defeated Mr. Lechner by a vote of 511 to 281 last spring in an election for student body president.

"Johnny has his little core of buddies," Mr. Wolfe said, "but a lot of people think, 'Why doesn't he just grow up?'"

Mary Martin, a Los Angeles producer who knows Mr. Lechner, said that hard-working students across the nation might share that view. "But," Ms. Martin added, "it's also every 40-year-old guy's dream to do what he's doing."

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CTIS Connection

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Additional Computer Clusters

The popularity of the two computers clusters currently on campus has been overwhelming. The six computers under the stairs in the Student Union and Library Building and the six computers in the lounge of the Classroom Office Building have been used non-stop since their placement last fall.

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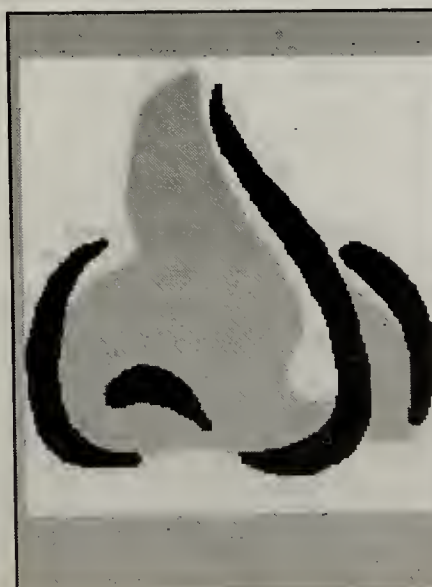
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Stand up and be heard

There may come a time when a student or a faculty member is placed in a situation where they are being discriminated against, harassed or simply not respected. Instead of dealing with the circumstances or the effect that they have had, some people may try to ignore the experience and walk away without taking action.

Discrimination and prejudice are intolerable offenses that deserve repercussions. But some people are so paralyzed with the fear of what will happen to them if they take action that they cannot stand up for themselves. Not only does this not rectify the situation, but it allows ignorance to triumph.

Although situations like these are never easy to deal with, not dealing with them almost always makes them worse. In order to make a bad situation better there are a few things to keep in my mind.

First, do not to ignore the situation. Ignoring it will not make it go away, and could worsen the situation. By ignoring what has happened, you may be giving a silent indicator that it's ok to be treated this way or that you will tolerate being treated this way again.

Next, if you are uncertain as to whether or not you have been a victim of prejudice or harassment, stop and analyze the situation. Do you feel uneasy, embarrassed or demeaned? Has someone stereotyped or discriminated against you because of your race, sex, religion or beliefs? If so, then you have suffered the damage of that person's ignorance, and it is up to you to hold them accountable.

If you feel that you cannot personally take action, do not be afraid to confide in someone. Confiding in someone can be of relief to you and it can also help the situation be handled in an appropriate manner. A person to confide in can be a fellow student, a trusted faculty member or family member. After being consoled, they can help you take the next step to handling and solving the situation.

By coming forward and addressing the problem, you are setting an example for others. You are making the statement that discrimination and harassment should not be tolerated, and in the process, you are giving others the strength to stand up for themselves as well. You are no longer a victim but an advocate.

People will try to hurt you and hold you down, but don't let them. Do not be bullied. Do not be afraid.

When you have been singled out, oppressed, abused or treated unfairly try to find the strength from within to stand up and be heard.

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Letter to the editor

Hello to *The Chronicle* Staff,

I often wonder what is happening to our school system here at Purdue University Calumet. It seems that we are undergoing a lot of changes on our small campus.

During this time of change it appears that the administration is focusing all of its attention on "new," "bigger" and "better" things. What happened to focusing attention on the commuter student?

Yes, I understand that various small groups on campus have specific needs. The fact that the university is embracing the diversity of its student population is to be commended. However, with all of the focus on the new student housing and specific diversity groups, the administration needs to take a moment to remember our commuter students who make up the largest proportion of our student popula-

tion.

I am referring to the students who come here for the convenience and location of our campus. I fully realize that many students are here as a second choice, or as an "in the meantime" school.

It amazes me that some of these students are so close-minded about our commuter campus. Students at other schools have pride, dignity, and school spirit. We have scorn, carelessness and impatience with anything university related.

I cannot help but imagine what students and the administration could accomplish to better the atmosphere here on-campus. Students could take an interest in their campus, and show some pride to be here at PUC. Meanwhile, the administration needs to lessen their focus on student housing and start paying some

attention to the majority of their student body. Start giving some or more attention to classrooms, teachers, textbooks (possible alternatives to the outrageous prices), advisors, cleanliness, student life, visual materials, computers and other things that the students need in order to help them succeed.

If the university is going to "Plan for Success" then they need to change their direction and start focusing on everyday customer service. Until then, the administration will be unable to gain the student support that they need in order to succeed in their current endeavors.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Kneit

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The weekly Gripe

I have noticed that there are no designated crosswalks located in the parking lot on the north side of campus. I feel there will be a great problem winter time comes and there is snow and ice on the pavement.

I have been attending this school for close to four years now, and I think we have been lucky there have been no serious injuries or even deaths. The pavement is plowed but it is still slick and cars do slide. Students this winter will be walking from the parking lot to the sidewalks and will be a taking risk of being struck by a car or slipping and falling and

perhaps seriously injuring themselves.

This is a community school. There a women of all ages attending, and I have noticed numerous women with child. I myself am pregnant, and I do not want to fall on the ice in the street this winter or be struck by a car sliding on the slush and ice because I have to walk in the street and in between cars and take any chance of harming my unborn child because there are no designated crosswalks leading from the parking lot to the buildings.

Julie Klinsky

I'm a PUC sophomore and take great pride here at school. I'm impressed with the staff, education, and atmosphere.

My gripe is the new students who come to school with their pants falling off at the waist, many times exposing their underwear, and scuttling to their classes. I'm not for a dress code at the school, but this type of dress or undressed behavior should not be tolerated by the school or the staff.

It's time for these students to grow up and take pride in themselves and this school.

Javier Blanco

Have a gripe?

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The Marx Brothers prove to be timeless

BY JEFF WAUGEMAN
Staff Writer

There are many great comedy team such as Laurel and Hardy, The Three Stooges and perhaps the greatest of all time, The Marx Brothers. The Marx Brothers box set is necessary to have for any film buff. This box set focuses on the three Marx Brothers Groucho, Chico and Harpo.

Included in this box set are seven comedies on five discs. The films are "A Night at the Opera," "A Night in Casablanca," "A Day at the Races," "Room Service," "At the Store," "Go West" and "The Big Store." Also included are many great extra features such as vintage short subject films, classic cartoons, rare audio outtakes and documentaries. My favorite extra in this collection would be the rare Groucho Marx interview on "The Hy Gardner Show" (1961 broadcast) where he tells the story of the Marx Brothers showing up naked and cooking a potato over a fire because Irvin Thalberg, the head of MGM, was always late for meetings with the brothers. After this, Thalberg was never late again.

Every scene still holds up today and can make someone laugh every time they see it. I am thrilled that this collection includes "Room Service," which was the film that made me into a huge Marx Brothers fan. In addition, this is one of the few Lucille Ball movies that I like. One of my many favorite quotes in this movie is

Groucho: "Too soon, too soon, he died too soon."

Chico: "An hour too soon."

In "A Day at the Races," which is Groucho Marx's favorite role, he plays Dr. Hugo Z. Hackenbush MD, PhD, RFD, MC, PDQ, BYOB. In the movie, Chico plays Tony and Harpo plays Stuff. The brothers try to save Judy's (Maureen O'Sullivan) farm by winning a big race with her horse but there are a few problems. Dr. Hackenbush also runs a high priced clinic for the wealthy who do not know he has his degree in Veterinary Medicine. The part that cracked me up was when Dr. Hackenbush is taking Stuff's (Harpo Marx) pulse and says, "Either this man is dead or my watch has stopped."

In viewing this movie, I discovered the great talent of Margaret Dumont, who plays Emily Upjohn. She is best known for her performances as the ultimate straight woman in seven of the Marx Brothers' films (including most of their best).

Another classic film that is a must-see is "A Night at the Opera." This was the Marx Brothers first film for MGM and Irvin Thalberg. In this movie, The Marx Brothers take on high society. Two lovers who are both in opera are prevented from being together by the man's lack of acceptance as an operatic tenor. Pulling several typical Marx Brothers' stunts, they arrange for the normal tenor to be absent so that the young lover can get his chance. Kitty Carlisle (Rosa Castaldi) and Allan Jones (Ricardo Baroni) sang their own musical numbers in the film. One of the most memorable scenes in the movie is the stateroom scene, in



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"The Marx Brothers Collection" showcases one of the best comedy acts of all time. Most of the movies were made in the 1930's and have a timeless quality.

which 15 people are crammed in one room. A great quote from this film is when Otis B. Driftwood (Groucho Marx) says "It's all right, that's in every contract. That's what they call a sanity clause." Then Fiorello (Chico Marx) replies "You can't fool me! There ain't no Santa Claus!"

In each film, there are great one-liners and scenes that will keep you laughing and wondering

why they do not make movies like this anymore. Whether it is the scene in "A Night in Casablanca" where Harpo is leaning up against a wall and upon being asked to move the wall falls down or quotes such as Mr. Smythe (played by Paul Harvey) says "Sir, this lady is my wife. You should be ashamed." Ronald Kornblow (Groucho Marx) replies, "If this lady is your wife, you should be ashamed."

This film introduced the song "Who's Sorry Now?" which became a bigger hit than the movie ever would. Everybody should love every movie in this box set

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Thanksgiving on a budget

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the good things in your life the last year. However, for many college students Thanksgiving is just another expense for the student with a limited budget.

Being on your own has many advantages. Living on your own can mean freedom and independence that cannot be found while living with parents. Students living in area apartments and the University Village are also more likely to have "poor college student" syndrome. Paying for school, rent and all of the things that come with independence can add up to having next to no money.

With the holidays upon us it's time to plan a Thanksgiving meal. Students living far from home that can't make it to dinner with family or friends should be able to enjoy the holiday and eat the traditional Thanksgiving meal, even if they are on a budget.

Turkey and all the trimmings can easily cost upwards of \$30, which is a lot of money for one meal. Luckily the thrifty shopper can have a Thanksgiving meal for around \$6. That's right, for \$6 victims of being underemployed or unemployed during their college years who cannot make it home can eat just as well and make their

own meal for only \$6.00.

Turkey is expensive. Outside of ham, turkey is the most expensive Thanksgiving meat. Come to think of it, outside of ham, turkey is the *only* Thanksgiving meat. A ham costs around \$30 to \$40. For the student on a budget it is out of question.

A decent sized turkey costs around \$15. In all reality it is hard to cook and will be more food than a college student is likely to need. The alternative is Carl Budding turkey lunch meat. For only \$.79 it is a steal of a deal. If you are feeling extravagant you can get ham for the same price. Some people have both each year and you can too.

The slices are as thin as paper but otherwise delicious. The thin slices will also not contribute much to the estimated 700 million pounds of turkey eaten each Thanksgiving. Make it a sandwich for only \$.99 more for a loaf of bread.

The trimmings are where the thrifty shopper can be creative. At Van Til's in Hessville only a few blocks from campus there is an array of inexpensive trimmings. Mac and Cheese is always in style. This is partly because it is delicious, partly because it costs only \$.79. Traditional cranberry sauce is a steal at \$.99. As for that pumpkin pie? A frozen pie is only \$1.99 on sale now. For the truly thrifty just the filling is available for \$.99. If



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There are delicious alternatives to the traditional turkey with all the trimmings.

all else fails Ramen noodles are 10 for \$10. There is an array of options at any grocery store in the area and the sales are outstanding right now.

Just because you have decided to opt for the "poor college student" version of Thanksgiving dinner does not mean you have to go

the whole "cheap" route. Splurge on your favorite thing and go cheap for the rest. Celebrate with friends or even family and make the most of your \$6 feast. Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy.

Traditional Thanksgiving dinner

Turkey (7.38 lbs) \$17.64
Stove Top stuffing \$1.00
Mashed potatoes (box) \$2.19
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Bakery pie \$6.49
Cool-whip \$.79
Total: \$31.00 plus tax

Poor college student dinner

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Can of Faygo \$.25
Cranberry sauce \$.99
Frozen pumpkin pie \$1.99
Au Gratin potatoes \$.99
Total: \$6.00

'Sheba' well acted

BY MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

The Purdue Theatre Company's production of William Inge's "Come Back, Little Sheba," held November 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12 in Alumni hall, was a glimpse into a life that almost any audience member could relate to on some level.

The play opens in the kitchen of Doc (Rod Roderick) and Lola (Jenny Valentino) Delaney's home which is as disheveled as the life they share together.

As the play unfolds, the audience learns of the hardships that this duo has had to overcome: Lola losing the couple's baby, her beloved dog, Little Sheba, mysteriously disappearing after 20 years, Doc having to drop out of medical school and his battle with alcoholism.

The only light that seems to exist in the house is young Marie (Tiffany Svitko), a college student who is renting a room there. Young and carefree, she seems almost oblivious to the broken lives around her, although one senses

that she is aware of Doc's affections for her and Lola's want to mother her just a little.

By the end of the performance, the audience has been taken on a rollercoaster ride of emotions as the lives of the three main characters are played out on stage.

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But through all of the ups and downs, one is left with the hope that maybe love really can conquer all.

The actors did an amazing job of giving the audience a sense of realism and the relationships between the characters seemed

very natural.

No one actor stood out, but I think that this only added to the show.

This is not a play about individual performance. It is a play about relationships, and the actor's ability to provide a great performance without overshadowing their cast mates made it very convincing.

No role was too small in this play as much of the compassion I developed for these characters came from the strong supporting cast.

Although some in the audience may not have been married or coupled, and those who were may have never had to face the tribulations that haunted Doc and Lola, the prayer, attributed to Reinhold Neibuhr, that Doc recited at the beginning of the play is one that any audience member could take with them.

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."



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"The Sound of Music" delivers holiday joy

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

Theatre at the Center is alive with "The Sound of Music," a delight for all ages just in time for the holiday season. From minute one as the nuns of the Nonnberg Abbey make their procession forth in song, "The Sound of Music" provides melodic wonder.

Johanna McKenzie Miller plays an over-eager Maria, but adds a childlike quality to the character that edges between grating and endearing. Her opening number, and all that follow, showcases Miller's angelic voice.

"The Sound of Music" abounds with musical talent - most notably Dawn DeVries as Mother Abbess. Miller and DeVries' duet of "My Favorite Things" is nothing short of remarkable.

Director William Pullinsi beautifully weaves the Rogers and Hammerstein tale written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. As young novice Maria leaves the Abbey to experience the "real world" before taking her vows as a nun, she finds that her real destiny may lie with the family von Trapp.

The children are charming and played by a group of very talented young people. Louisa's innocent though mischievous nature stands

out as channeled through young Kailey Snider.

Liesl (played by Bobbie Babgy) and Rolf (played by Jon Runnfeldt) have amazing chemistry. Both are wonderful dancers, and combined with the superb choreography by Stacey Flaster, "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" stands out far more on stage than in the film.

Captain Georg von Trapp is played by Larry Adams, a man who has the perfect facial expression for every thought. Iris Lieberman lends her exquisite voice as Elsa Schraeder, especially striking in "No Way to Stop It."

The historical costumes by costume designer Jana Anderson add just the right amount of realism to the play to make the plot come alive.

"The Sound of Music" retains impeccable quality to the end. Adams' rendition of "Edelweiss" could melt a heart of ice - just one of many reasons to visit Theatre at the Center for this performance.

Another reason is the orchestra. Conducted by Margaret James, the orchestra is extraordinary - most notably, the percussion, handled by Rich Alifantis.

A timeless story, "The Sound of Music" is a great choice for a family outing, wonderful entertainment for out-of-town relatives, or a treat on a day of holiday shopping. Regardless of why, those of all ages will enjoy an enchanting per-

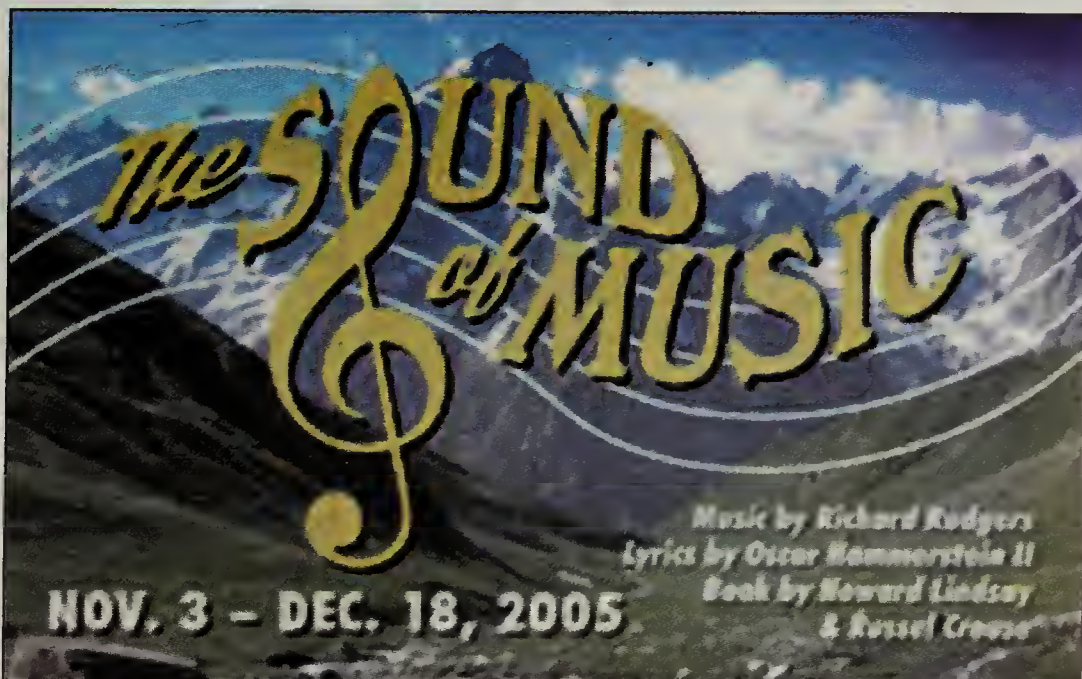


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"The Sound of Music" is a holiday delight for all ages. With discounts for college students and close proximity to campus Theatre at the Center's performance should not be missed.

formance of this classic tale.

"The Sound of Music" runs through December 18 at Theatre at the Center, located at 1040 Ridge Road in Munster. Showings are Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (The exception will be

the following changes on Thanksgiving week: no Wednesday, Nov. 23 performance, the Thursday performance is at 6 p.m., and there will be two Friday performances at 2 and 8 p.m.) Ticket prices vary by show time, but are \$25 for a Saturday matinee and either \$32 or \$35 for other

showings and students with ID always pay \$16. The box office can be reached at 219/836-3255, and tickets may also be purchased through tickets.com 800/511-1552. For more information, or to buy tickets online, the website is www.theatreatthecenter.com.

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9. Techmo Bowl
8. Donkey Kong
7. The Legend of Zelda
6. Mike Tyson's Punchout

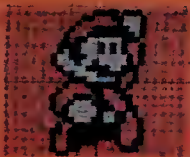


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2. Super Mario Bros. 3
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The spotlight's on...

African Student Association

BY CASSIDY MAZZONI
Cub Reporter

The African Students Association is a group that was created and founded in the 1970s on Purdue University's West Lafayette campus, and since then it has recently spread to the PUC campus. This is the very first semester students at PUC will be able to participate in the African Students Association and the group is already busy planning activities, events and brainstorming new ideas.

The club's president, a communication major, is Sandra Nwankwo. Nwankwo was actually the creator of this particular group on the PUC campus.

"I joined and spearheaded the organization as a means for Africans, and those interested in learning about the African culture, to come together for a common goal: to embrace diversity on the PUC campus," said Nwankwo.

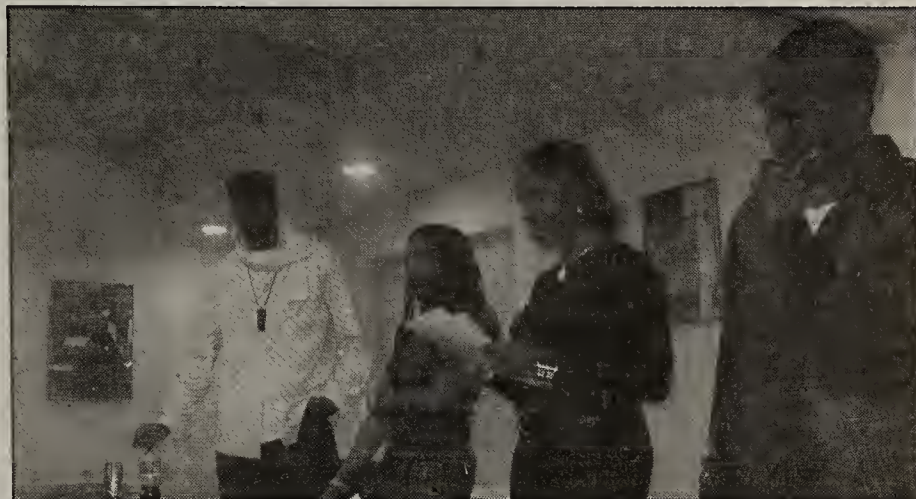
Nwankwo has had to face the pressures of being an African American female, especially when it comes to her past career experience. She says that it is difficult to work in

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a field such as the sporting goods industry that is predominately white. From the interview process to her decision to leave the company (for reasons not of racial or gender content), she felt the pressure to prove herself as the assistant manager.

After attending one of the club's meetings, it's easy to see that this is a group that stands behind its ethics and concept of open-mindedness toward diverse groups and cultural backgrounds.

When it comes to looking for new members, the group wants outgoing individuals who will take initiative, are interested in African culture and who will be dedicated to the goals and principles of the club. The club takes recruitment seriously, because it is



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The African Student Association met in the University Village November 9. The group will be in need of a vice president for the spring semester.

one of their biggest events.

"The organization is open to anyone. However, we prefer those who have a dire interest in learning about African culture," said Nwankwo.

One problem the group has faced is losing its members or a lack of membership participation due to conflicts with class

scheduling.

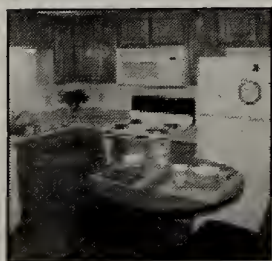
The group is currently in the process of planning numerous activities that range from a movie night featuring a Nigerian film to a Black History Month celebration. Other potential activities may include a fashion show and cultural cuisine.

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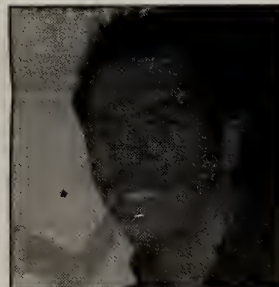
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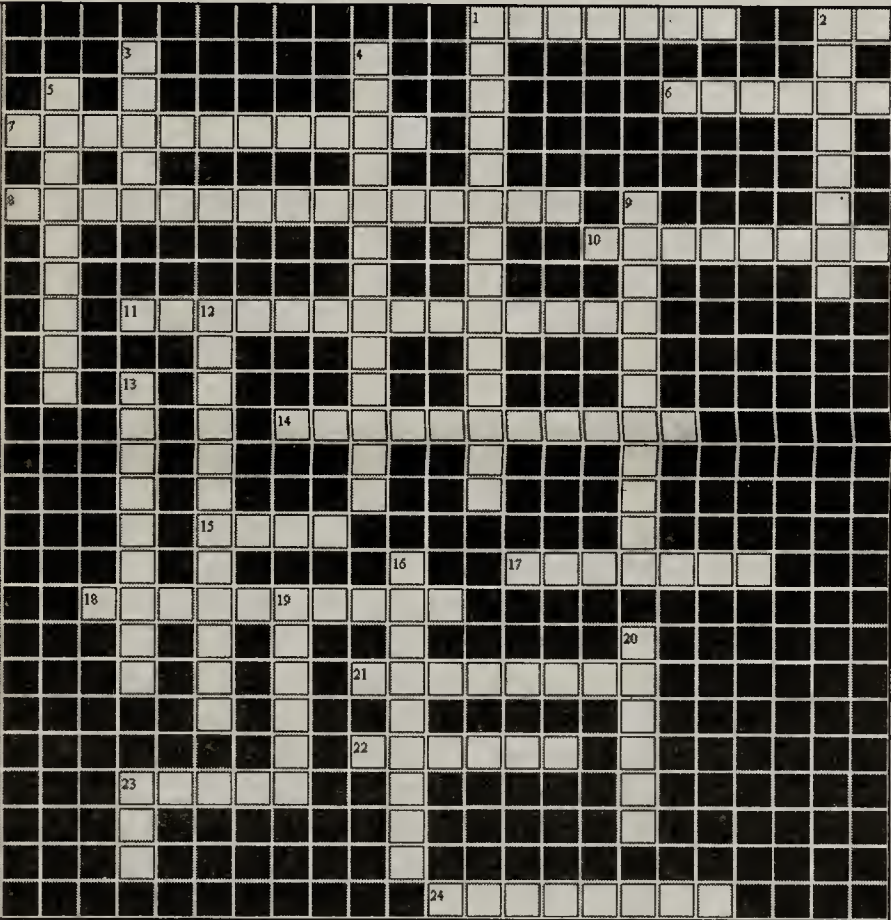
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Across	Down
1. hippies make it	1. economics on a small scale
2. abbv. for Purdue University Calumet	2. Corgan's were Smashing
6. wear these to bed	3. PUC point guard Michelle
7. tomfoolery	4. lust
8. attention-attracting	5. world's best college newspaper
10. having impatience	9. going down
11. prototypical	12. rudeness
14. moving to center	13. hateful
15. Chronicle copy editor ... Rodriguez	16. sexually attracted to children
17. where leather is tanned	19. The Calumet ...
18. PUC mascot	20. projects a shadow
21. Com professor Bill	23. abbv. for Classroom Office building
22. PUC play "Come Back Little ..."	
23. PUC chancellor	
24. wanderer	

Crossword Puzzle Answers

Across	Down
1 Macrame 2 PUC 6 Pajamas 7	1 Microeconomics 2 Pumpkins 3
Shenanigans 8 Conspicuousness 10	Jones 4 Concupisence 5 Chronicle
Petulant 11 Quintessential 14	9 Declination 12 Impertinence 13
Centripetal 15 Izzy 17 Tannery 18	Abhorrent 16 Pedophile 19 Region
Peregrines 21 Robinson 22 Sheeba	20 Gnomon 23 CLO
23 Cohen24 Vagabond	

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but its sill present.

Scipes also discussed the concept of an economic draft.

"44 percent of recruits coming from rural areas are poor blacks and Latinos. Those are the people getting sent to Iraq and getting killed," said Scipes.

Among the speakers were Professor Lee Artz, Carrey Jenkins, Rafael Swift and Jerry Zawada.

Farook stated that the discussion was a real successful and had great speakers to discuss these important topics.

"We had a full house and it was good to see so many people come out. We had people passing by and hearing the stories, stopping because of the stories," said Farook.

Agreeing with Farook was Kim McGee, secretary of SJC. McGee stated there was great audience participation along with the high turnout in the size of the audience.

"It was great to have different aspects of Katrina and tie all of them together. And to also discuss what is government responsibility," said McGee.

David Ober contributed to this article.

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Trojans	4	3
Crushers	4	3
Dig This	4	3
D.O.A	4	3
Bump,Set,Spike	4	3
"The Killer Bees"	2	5
Orville Ready	0	6
Big Dog	0	7

Flag football standings N.F.F.C		
TEAM	Wins	Losses
Hammond Bears	7	1
Twisted Steel.....	6	2
Hammond Cheese	5	3
Hoosier Daddy	5	3
Bumble Bees	4	4
Oilers	3	5
Devil Dogs	2	6

Calvin Davis' Big Ten plus Notre Dame Picks			
November 12	Time	TV	Pick
Northwestern at Illinois	11:00 A M	N / A	Wildcats By 7
Minnesota at Iowa	11:00 A M	ESPN 2	Hawkeyes By 3
Ohio State at Michigan	NOON	A B C	Wolverines By 3
Purdue at Indiana	NOON	ESPN 360	Boilermakers By 7
Penn State at Michigan State	3:00 PM	ESPN	Nittany Lions By 7
Syracuse at Notre Dame	1:30 PM	N B C	Irish By 10

Intramural Floor Hockey Standings		
TEAM	Wins	Losses
Off Constantly	4	1
Robertsdale Rolling	4	1
Sharpshooters	2	3
PUC Redhawks	0	5

Flag Football Standings A.F.F.C		
TEAMS	Wins	Losses
Sofa King	8	0
This Year's Champs	6	2
Demons	6	2
Magnums	6	2
Prime Time	5	3
PUC Colts	2	6
Village People	2	6
Pro Bowlers II	1	7
Da Biz	0	8

Calvin Davis' NFL Picks			
November 20	Time	TV	Pick
Philadelphia at NY Giants	Noon	FOX	Giants 7
Arizona at St. Louis	Noon	FOX	Rams by 6
New Orleans at New England	Noon	FOX	Patriots by 8
Oakland at Washington	Noon	CBS	Redskins by 5
Pittsbutgh at Baltimore	Noon	CBS	Steelers by 7
Jacksonville at Tennessee	Noon	CBS	Jaguars by 6
Tampa Bay at Atlanta	Noon	FOX	Falcons by 3
Carolina at Chicago	Noon	FOX	Beas by 3
Miami at Cleveland	Noon	CBS	Dolphins by 6
Detroit at Dallas	Noon	FOX	Cowboys by 7
Seattle at San Francisco	3:05 PM	FOX	Seahawks by
Buffalo at San Diego	3:15 PM	CBS	Chargers by 10
NY Jets at Denver	3:15 PM	CBS	Broncos by 5
Indianapolis at Cincinnati	3:15 PM	CBS	Colts by 7
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W omen's BasketBall Leaders		
Scoring	Rebounds	Assists
Michelle Jones 16 ppg	Tekanya Harper 8.6 rpg	Michelle Jones 4 apg
Nikki Borys 11 ppg	Michelle Jones 6.6 rpg	Niki Borys 1.6 apg
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The CAL-culation: Real Sports Talk Putting the "I" in Team

BY CALVIN R. DAVIS
Sports Editor

Team. Webster's Dictionary defines the word "team" as a number of persons associated together in work or activity. Having established that fact, it can only be logical for a team to succeed through togetherness. This theory is true in any situation that involves "persons associated together in work or activity." Whether on the playing field or in the office, a group has to operate as a team in order to be successful.

I believe that the recent antics of Philadelphia Eagle Terrell Owens have distorted the concept of team. I have been involved in team activities since the age of four. I have been on school basketball teams, football teams, baseball teams, practically every team sport there is. The one thing that I have learned from those experiences is that it doesn't take much to disrupt the chemistry of a team. It's a heavily used cliché but it applies to this situation perfectly: one bad apple can spoil the whole bunch. Working as a team is not natural for most people. For the most part people, by working by themselves and for themselves. Working in a group and for a team is an acquired skill that takes work. It calls for individuals to sacrifice their own satisfaction for the betterment of the team.

The Terrell Owens situation is a perfect example of a person not willing to sacrifice their own gratification in order to see the team succeed. Even though the work of the individuals is what makes the team function, teamwork is necessary to put those individual efforts to their best use. When the individuals feel that they themselves are better than the team a problem arises. No one person should ever be above the team.

When you look at a team like the New

England Patriots, you'll see a team full of guys who are the very definition of selflessness. Needless to say, this is a team that has won the Super Bowl three out of the last four seasons. Even though the media tries to force them to highlight individuals, they absolutely refuse to. Whether it's their future Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady, or Coach Bill Belichick, in each interview they always divert attention back to the team.

Now don't get me wrong, everyone knows that Terrell Owens is a spectacular player. But he was by no means the only reason that the Eagles made it to the Super Bowl last year. The Eagles made it to the NFC Championship game three years in a row. Last year, Owens didn't even play in the two playoff games that the team played prior to the Super Bowl. When Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb said that he felt the team would continue to win games despite Owens's absence, Owens felt offended. It's almost as if he wanted McNabb to say that the team would completely fall apart without him being there.

But that's not what happens to a team. A team always consists of more than one member, 53 in the case of a football team. So for Owens to feel that the team should feel that they can't win without him, especially after they had been successful before he got there, is very selfish of him.

As a student here at PUC, I find myself participating in a lot of group activities. If I followed the example of Mr. Owens I'm sure that my group members would want me out of the group just like the Eagles organization wants him out. So the lesson is this: one person is never above or more important than the team. Even if the person is very talented and feels that they one ingredient that team can't live without, they are wrong. "I" will never have a place in team.

They've Got Spirit

Guest Commentary
BY DAVID ASHCRAFT
Staff Writer

Flight to Tampa; \$250. Night out on the town; \$400. Two cheerleaders in a bathroom stall; priceless.

I have a new found appreciation for the state of North Carolina and the Carolina Panthers organization. The reason for this new found appreciation is directly related to my two new favorite cheerleaders, Angela Keathley and Renee Thomas.

Angela Keathley and Renee Thomas were two Panthers cheerleaders (Topcats) who traveled at their own expense to boost the morale of their team.

Since the Topcats only perform their cheer routines at the Panthers home games, their trip to Tampa demonstrated their deep burning desire to see the Panthers succeed.

Rarely is such unselfish behavior seen in today's professional sports. Team comradeship is so rare that it is sometimes not even recognized when it happens right in front of us.

Certainly, this must be the case in the Topcat controversy. For when Angela and Renee were sharing an intense bond of unity, Tampa authorities cited them with disorderly conduct and allegedly having sex in a bathroom stall. The two Topcats were arrested and taken to jail. It is hard to remember when two athletes have been so scrutinized for giving so much.

Fortunately, there were other Topcats who were able to quickly post bail for the persecuted cheerleaders. Angela and Renee were released from their closet like jail cell. It was refreshing to see teammates rally around their own and support them through their difficult ordeal.

By way of comparison some National Football League (NFL) teams have been plagued by dissension in their own ranks. The NFL has been under a full frontal assault by overtly endowed egos.

The Philadelphia Eagles ended Terrell Owens' season prematurely, after he made multiple derogatory comments about the performance of his quarterback Donovan McNabb. The Tampa Bay Bucs were in a similar situation with one of their players a few years ago. Keyshawn Johnson was suspended in the middle of the season and afterwards the Bucs gave him a full release.

Competitive sports are challenging enough without having to overcome internal discourse in your own locker room. Angela and Renee have shown the world that there is another way, a better way to thrust your team towards victory. This was made apparent by the fact that the Panthers beat the Bucs 34-14. Undoubtedly all the new Panther fans have only one thing to say to Angela and Renee; Thank You.



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Carolina Panthers cheerleaders Renee Thomas and Angela Keathley

Weis will stay a while

BY CALVIN R. DAVIS
Sports Editor

It's that time of the year when coaches and players alike sit back and analyze their respective seasons and look for ways to improve for next season.

In South Bend there will surely be reason to look forward to next season. Their quarterback Brady Quinn is a solid Heisman candidate, receiver and Valparaiso product Jeff Smardzija is having a breakout season, and their coach Charlie Weis has been awarded a 10-year extension. The seventh-ranked Irish defeated Army on Saturday, which gave them their seventh victory of the season.

With two games left on the schedule against seemingly lesser opponents, the Irish can end their season 9-2 and possibly earn themselves in a BCS bowl bid. Actually the Irish were one win against the USC Trojans away from recording one of the biggest upsets in college football history. That game win down to the last play as Trojans quarterback Matt Leinart squeaked into the end zone on a quarterback sneak. The Irish rebounded from that loss and went on to defeat the SEC's Tennessee Volunteers 41-21. Jeff Smardzija, who has been having great games all season, recorded seven receptions for 127 yards and one touchdown.

Smardzija, who was recruited by former Notre Dame Head coach Tyrone Willingham, has 919 yards receiving this season in comparison to only 274 last season. He and Brady Quinn have hooked up for 12 touchdowns; the most on the team. Quinn is also having the best season of his career at Notre Dame. He has thrown for 2,931 yards, which is over 300 yards more than his total from last year and there are still two possibly three games left in the season.

Quinn, who is a junior this year, has the option of returning to the team next year along with Smardzija, and fellow receiver Maurice Stovall who is also a junior. Most importantly, Head coach Charlie Weis will be back next year, and thanks to a new deal he will be in South Bend for many more.

In response to this successful season, Notre Dame rewarded Head coach Charlie Weis with a 10-year contract extension. That decision raised eyebrows around the country because previous coach Tyrone Willingham was not able to stay around for his original contract.

The Irish face Syracuse this Saturday and will travel to Stanford and close out the season. There are almost certainly going to a bowl game, but their hopes are on possibly getting a bid for a BCS bowl, which will produce over \$11 million for the school.



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Practice has almost made perfect this football season in South Bend, with the Irish at 7-2 with only two games left to play.

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Bulls begin season 2-2



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Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich drives aggressively to the basket. Hinrich will be looked on to do more scoring this year in the absence of Eddy Curry.

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The Chicago Bulls started their season with a dramatic come back in the fourth quarter against the Charlotte Bobcats. The Bulls overcame a 25 point deficit to win the game in overtime 109-105 in front a sellout crowd.

Chris Duhon led the Bulls with 18 points on five for nine shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds. Darius Songalia gave a surprise spark to the team by hitting a three pointer at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. He finished the game with 11 points. Kirk Hinrich twisted his ankle in the third quarter going up for lay up. He had to leave the game but finished with nine points. Overall the Bulls played a very sloppy game opening up their season.

The Bulls were not so lucky their second game of the season, losing on the road to the New Jersey Nets 100-99. Ben Gordon, last year's Sixth Man of the Year, missed the second of two free throws with the Bulls leading 99-97.

The Net's Jason Kidd got the rebound and drove the length of the floor passing the ball to Richard Jefferson. Jefferson drove to the lane, scored a bucket, and was fouled by Bull's center Tyson Chandler. After Jefferson hit his free throw, the Bulls had one more chance to score but Vince Carter knocked the ball out of Andres Nocioni's hands for the Bulls. Gordon finished with 23 points and Hinrich 26 to lead the Bulls.

The NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs invaded the United Center Monday night in the Bulls third game of the year. The Bulls played their second overtime game in two chances at home. Tied at 91 in overtime the Spurs outscored the Bulls 13-4 in overtime. The Spur's Tim Duncan and Tony Parker proved to be to much as they scored a combined 46 points. With this win the Spurs have won nine straight and the last 13 out of 14 against the Bulls. The Bulls are 0 - 2 when giving up 100 points this season. In news, the Bulls waived Kasib Powell, a forward out of Texas Tech.




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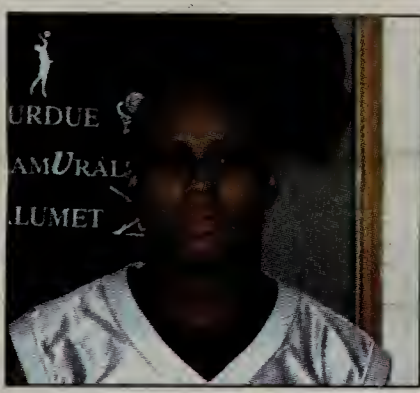
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